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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE 1968/1969

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Clerical Assistants	9
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\* denotes sessional or part-time staff

NUMBER OF PUPILS - ATTENDANCE 1968  
(Supplied by the Director of Education)

Secondary Schools

Courses to 18 years of age:	
Number of Schools	12

Average Number on Roll	8,437
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Courses to 16 years of age:	
Number of Schools	40

Average Number on Roll	21,280
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Courses to 15 years of age:	
Number of Schools	16

Average Number on Roll	1,384
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Primary Schools

With Junior and for Infant Pupils	
Number of Schools	170

Average Number on Roll	48,681
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Schools for Handicapped Pupils (Schools for the Deaf, Open Air School and 6 Day Schools for E.S.N.)	8
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Average Number on Roll	772
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Total Average Number on Roll	80,554
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Average Percentage of Attendance

Primary	91.7
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Secondary	88.9
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Special	88.5
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NUMBER OF PUPILS - ATTENDANCE 1969  
(Supplied by the Director of Education)

Secondary Schools

Courses to 18 years of age:	
Number of Schools	12
Average Number on Roll	8,473
Courses to 16 years of age:	
Number of Schools	42
Average Number on Roll	24,328

Primary Schools

With Junior and/or Infant Pupils	
Number of Schools	178
Average Number on Roll	49,897

Schools for Handicapped Pupils (School for the Deaf, Open Air School and 6 Day Schools for E.S.N.)	8
Average Number on Roll	830

Total Average Number on Roll	83,528
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Average Percentage of Attendance

Primary	91.3
Secondary	89.4
Special	88.8

## HANDICAPPED PUPILS

The Teesside Local Education Authority makes the following provisions for the education of handicapped pupils:-

### 1. Day Special Schools:-

There are 8 Day Special Schools which cater for 925 children as follows:-

#### Educationally Sub-Normal Pupils:-

Billingham Day Special School, Rievaulx Avenue,  
Billingham - 120 pupils, 7 to 16 years.

Primrose Hill Day Special School, Durham Road,  
Stockton - 120 pupils. 7 to 16 years.

Holmwood School, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough  
- 140 pupils. 6 to 12 years.

Tollesby School, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough  
- 160 pupils. 12 to 16 years.

Eston Lowfields School, Normanby Road, South Bank  
- 105 pupils. 7 to 16 years.

Kirkleatham Hall School, Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar  
- 100 pupils. 7 to 16 years.

#### Deaf and Partially Hearing Children:

Beverley School for Deaf and Partially Hearing  
Children, Beverley Road, Middlesbrough - 80 pupils.  
3 to 16 years.

#### Physically Handicapped and Delicate Children:

Ragworth Open Air School, Norton - 100 pupils.  
5 to 16 years.

### 2. Residential Schools:-

From the 1st April to 31st December, 1968, there were an average of 150 pupils (all categories of handicap included) in attendance at approximately 50 residential schools and in 1969, 170 pupils in attendance at approximately 55 residential schools.

### 3. Ordinary Schools:-

A number of handicapped pupils attend ordinary schools, and in certain cases transport is provided.

#### 4. Home Teaching:-

Where children are unable to attend school for any length of time, home teaching is provided.

#### 5. Teaching in Hospitals:-

The Authority have teachers in the following hospitals:-

Middlesbrough General Hospital - 1 full-time and 1 part-time teacher.

Children's Hospital, Durham Road, Stockton - 2 full-time teachers.

Hemlington Hospital - 2 part-time teachers.

Bryn-teg, St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough & 1 part-time teacher until September, 1969, when a full-time teacher was appointed.

#### 6. Teesside Spastics Treatment Unit:-

This Unit, which is housed at the Middlesbrough General Hospital, caters for 18 children who attend daily.

From the 1st April to the 31st December, 1968, the following numbers of children were assessed as handicapped pupils:-

	Boys	Girls
Blind	1	0
Partially sighted	0	0
Deaf	1	2
Partially hearing	2	0
Physically handicapped	6	3
Delicate	6	1
Maladjusted	4	0
E.S.N.	44	29
Epileptic	2	0
Speech defects	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>66</u>	<u>35</u>

The Authority placed the following numbers of handicapped pupils in special schools (day and residential) during this period:-

	Boys	Girls
Blind	1	1
Partially sighted	0	0
Deaf	6	2
Partially hearing	3	0
Physically handicapped	12	9
Delicate	17	15
Maladjusted	4	0
E.S.N.	59	42
Epileptic	0	1
Speech defects	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>103</u>	<u>70</u>



During the year 1969 the following numbers of children were assessed as handicapped pupils:-

	Boys	Girls
Blind	1	0
Partially sighted	13	1
Deaf	3	2
Partially hearing	6	1
Physically handicapped	24	9
Delicate	11	11
Maladjusted	14	3
E.S.N.	103	64
Epileptic	2	4
Speech defects	0	0
	<hr/> 165	<hr/> 95

The Authority placed the following numbers of handicapped pupils in special schools (day and residential) during this period:-

	Boys	Girls
Blind	1	0
Partially sighted	0	2
Deaf	2	1
Partially hearing	1	1
Physically handicapped	13	7
Delicate	9	6
Maladjusted	3	1
E.S.N.	70	35
Epileptic	3	3
Speech defects	0	0
	<hr/> 102	<hr/> 55



# ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Routine medical inspections were by departmental medical officers and a panel of general practitioners. Tables A, B and C show the results of this work from 1st April - 31st December, 1968.

TABLE A. 1968

Age Groups inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of pupils who have received a full medical exam.	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	for defective vision(excluding squint)	for any other condition recorded at Part II
		No.	No.		Total Individuals

1964 and later	159	-	2	25	27
1963	4503	4	133	510	620
1962	2958	7	80	314	378
1961	872	-	44	90	127
1960	964	2	54	86	132
1959	716	2	51	80	121
1958	271	-	18	36	51
1957	138	-	5	15	20
1956	343	-	14	12	24
1955	153	-	13	11	19
1954	82	-	5	4	9
1953 and					

TABLE B. 1968

Number of special Inspections	1291
Number of Re-inspections	1002
Total	2293

TABLE C. 1968

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	119,268
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	7,436
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944)	NIL
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944)	NIL

TABLE A. 1969

Age Groups inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of Pupils who have re- ceived a full medical exam.	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		No.	No.	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin).			
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory			for defective vision(ex- cluding squint)	for any other condition idual recorded	Total Indiv- idual Pupils at Part II	
1965 and later	243	243	-	-	1	39	39	39	
1964	3,964	3,961	3	3	137	438	438	550	
1963	2,349	2,346	3	3	117	292	292	368	
1962	831	831	-	-	56	75	75	127	
1961	1,661	1,661	-	-	118	262	262	354	
1960	1,486	1,486	-	-	94	144	144	222	
1959	444	444	-	-	34	27	27	54	
1958	120	120	-	-	24	20	20	40	
1957	69	69	-	-	9	29	29	35	
1956	52	51	1	1	10	19	19	26	
1955	64	64	-	-	16	28	28	37	
1954 and earlier	3,488	3,488	-	-	425	240	240	629	
TOTAL	14,771	14,764	7	7	1,041	1,613	1,613	2,481	

TABLE B. 1969

Number of special Inspections	1,194
Number of Re-inspections	437
Total	1,631

TABLE C. 1969

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	140,993
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	6,331
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944)	NIL
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944)	NIL



## MINOR AILMENT CLINICS

These clinics were attended by nurses and have been held as detailed below:-

106 Yarm Lane	- Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Hardwick Infants School	- Tuesday and Thursday p.m.
Frederick Nattrass School	- Monday and Wednesday a.m.
Ragworth Primary School	- Tuesday and Friday p.m.
Primrose Hill Day School	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
Ragworth Open Air School	- Daily
Newham Grange School	- Tuesday and Friday p.m.
Tilery Road School	- Tuesday a.m. and Thursday p.m.
Fairfield Sec.Mod.School	- Monday and Friday a.m.
Central School Clinic	- Daily
Whinney Banks School	- Daily - a.m.
Caldicotes School	- Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m.
North Ormesby Clinic	- Monday a.m. and 4-5.30 p.m. Wednesday a.m. Thursday 4 - 5.30 p.m. Friday a.m.
Thorntree School	- Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m.
St. Hilda's Clinic	- Wednesday and Friday a.m.
Easterside Clinic	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
Berwick Hills Clinic	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
Marsh Road	- Monday p.m. and Wednesday and Friday a.m.
Newport School	- Monday and Thursday a.m.
Ayresome	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m. Monday and Thursday p.m.
Archibald	- Monday and Wednesday p.m.
Langbaurgh School	- Wednesday a.m.
Brookside	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
Bertram Ramsey	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
School for the Deaf	- Wednesday a.m.
Tollesby and Holmwood E.S.N.	- Tuesday and Thursday a.m.
Turner Street Clinic	- Monday and Friday a.m.
Normanby Road Clinic	- Weekly (doctor in attendance)
Broadway Clinic	- Weekly (doctor in attendance)



## OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

Children are referred either following routine medical inspections or by general practitioners or direct approach by parents.

Regular weekly Consultant clinics are held in the Turner Street premises, Fabian Road premises and the Norton Road Clinic. From the Central School Clinic appointments are given for the Consultant's clinics at the North Riding Infirmary.

TABLE II Medical Inspection and Treatment  
1968 April - December

Eyes -		Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				Special Inspection
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
a.	Vision	T	236	17	289	542	18
		O	317	83	231	631	-
		T	154	-	32	186	-
b.	Squint	O	72	-	33	105	-
		T	14	-	12	26	15
c.	Other	O	15	-	7	22	-

TABLE III

1968 April - December

Number of cases known to  
have been dealt with

External and other, excluding errors of  
refraction and squint

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Errors of refraction (including squint)

2122

Total

2128

Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed

1715

TABLE II Medical Inspections and Treatment  
1969

Eyes -	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				Special Inspection
		Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
a. Vision	T	289	263	489	1,041	38
	O	281	124	152	557	-
	T	168	2	101	271	8
b. Squint	O	79	7	29	115	-
	T	20	4	7	31	24
	O	11	16	10	37	-
c. Other						

TABLE III.

Number of cases known to  
have been dealt with

External and other, excluding errors of  
refraction and squint

Errors of refraction (including squint)

	1,867
	3,280
Total	5,147
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	2,649

# EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SERVICES

These cases found at routine medical inspections are referred to the Central School Clinic where appointments are arranged at the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the North Riding Infirmary. Sometimes parents consult their own general practitioners.

In 1969 six audiometers were purchased. Sweep testing and individual testing is done by the nurses and cases referred for medical opinion. The Tables below show the results of these tests and examinations.

TABLE II  
1968 April - December

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS					Special Inspection
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total		
Ears - a. Hearing	T 57	1	60	118		108
	0 69	-	28	97		-
b. Otitis Media	T 50	-	10	60		7
	0 52	-	21	73		-
c. Other	T 21	-	18	39		40
	0 34	-	23	57		-
Nose and Throat	T 132	1	38	171		3
	0 431	10	99	540		-

TABLE III

1968 April - December

Number of cases known to have been dealt with

Received operative treatment -	
(a) for diseases of the ear	Not Available
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	1,653
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	Not Available
Received other forms of treatment	1,190
Total	2,843

Total number of pupils still on the register of schools at 31st December, 1968, known to have been provided with hearing aids:-

(a) during the calendar year 1968	11
(b) in previous years	108



TABLE II  
1969

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS					Special Inspection
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total		
Ears - a. Hearing	T	56	9	121	186	183
	O	41	13	34	88	-
b. Otitis Media	T	31	15	31	77	6
	O	49	11	32	92	-
c. Other	T	23	1	29	53	10
	O	27	8	34	69	-
Nose and Throat	T	72	9	49	130	10
	O	372	37	217	626	-

TABLE III  
1969

Number of cases known to  
have been dealt with

Received operative treatment -		
(a) for diseases of the ear	Not Available	
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	" "	
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	" "	
Received other forms of treatment	761	
	Total	761
Total number of pupils still on the register of schools at 31st December, 1969, known to have been provided with hearing aids:-		
(a) during the calendar year 1969	Not Available	
(b) in previous years		119

# ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES

Monthly Orthopaedic clinics were held by a medical officer from the Kirby Moorside Hospital. Since her retirement in 1969, children with such defects are referred to general practitioners. Below are details of references:-

TABLE II  
1968 April - December

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	Special Inspection
Orthopaedic - a. Posture	T 7	-	3	10	-
	O 14	-	10	24	-
	T 78	-	32	110	-
b. Feet	O 73	11	50	134	-
	T 22	-	12	34	7
	O 38	6	44	88	-
c. Other					

TABLE III  
1968 April - December

	Number known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patient departments	576
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	-
Total	576

TABLE II  
1969

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				Special Inspection
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
Orthopaedic - a. Posture	T 5	4	5	14	12
	0 6	8	13	27	-
b. Feet	T 67	12	66	145	18
	0 70	27	60	157	-
c. Other	T 31	14	29	74	22
	0 28	14	28	70	-

TABLE III  
1969

	Number known to have been treated
(a) Pupils treated at clinics or out-patient departments	373
(b) Pupils treated at school for postural defects	-
Total	373

## CHIROPODY

Such few children as require this form of care are referred to private practitioners. Cases of verrucae are dealt with either at School Clinics or referred to general practitioners.

## OTHER SERVICES

### Employment of Children

Children are referred from the Director of Education and after examination by nurses/doctors, certificates as to fitness are issued.

### Medical Examinations

Medical examinations took place for school teacher appointments and for college entrants. In 1968 there were 523 examinations and in 1969 there were 561.



The Tables below are of other findings and treatments following medical inspections:-

TABLE II  
1968 April - December

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS					Special Inspection
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total		
Skin	93	2	62	157		124
	142	4	70	216		-
Lymphatic Glands	1	-	11	12		3
	76	-	9	85		-
Heart	13	-	10	23		5
	67	1	33	101		-
Lungs	49	-	13	62		-
	139	3	44	186		-
Developmental - a. Hernia	19	1	-	20		2
	11	-	22	33		-
b. Other	10	-	17	27		5
	47	3	28	78		-
Nervous System- a. Epilepsy	10	-	9	19		5
	25	1	5	31		-
b. Other	26	-	12	38		3
	44	2	20	66		-
Psychological - a.Development	17	-	9	26		2
	31	-	30	61		-
b.Stability	34	-	7	41		-
	66	1	10	77		-
Abdomen	20	-	4	24		-
	28	-	20	48		-
Other	30	-	15	45		511
	30	-	18	48		1

TABLE II  
1969

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS				Special Inspection
	Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
Skin	T 93	44	113	250	65
	O 146	46	111	303	-
Lymphatic Glands	T 6	1	1	8	-
	O 42	9	22	73	-
Heart	T 23	1	15	39	9
	O 48	23	61	132	-
Lungs	T 35	10	28	73	21
	O 104	19	74	197	-
Developmental - a.Hernia	T 5	-	5	10	1
	O 19	-	11	30	-
b.Other	T 11	5	18	34	8
	O 45	25	50	120	-
Nervous System- a.Epilepsy	T 11	4	24	39	19
	O 14	7	21	42	-
b.Other	T 19	3	17	39	35
	O 30	3	30	63	-
Psychological- a.Development	T 12	1	11	24	38
	O 35	16	120	171	1
b.Stability	T 20	3	19	42	8
	O 72	5	145	222	-
Abdomen	T 18	5	10	33	-
	O 29	9	14	52	-
Other	T 27	14	30	71	-
	O 39	21	70	130	559
					-

## DENTAL SERVICE

Reports of the Principal Dental Officer for  
1968 and 1969

This is the first report on the School Dental Service of the County Borough of Teesside, which came into existence on 1st April, 1968, by the merger of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, the Boroughs of Redcar, Stockton and Thornaby, the urban districts of Billingham and Eston and parts of Durham and North Riding of Yorkshire County Councils.

The Dental Service of the new authority was formed by the amalgamation of the Dental Services of Middlesbrough and Stockton together with parts of the Dental Services of Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire, that is of four different authorities with very different standards of accommodation, equipment, staffing, methods of working, etc. The first concern, therefore, was to ensure continuity of the service, and despite difficulties this was achieved as far as resources would allow. Endeavours have since been directed to consolidating the services into a homogeneous working unit, and to effecting improvements with a view to increased efficiency.

The authority took over fourteen dental clinics, four of which have two surgeries each, making eighteen surgeries, of which the standard of accommodation and equipment varies from very good to very bad. In addition, four single surgery clinics in Middlesbrough, built within the last eight years, have not been equipped. A Health Centre with a two surgery dental clinic, and a clinic with a single dental surgery are under construction at Thornaby New Town and Stockton (Fairfield). Of the eighteen equipped surgeries, eleven are of a high standard, four are satisfactory and three are unsatisfactory.

Recommendations which have been made with a view to bringing the surgeries up to acceptable modern standards and at the same time make the most efficient use of existing premises and staff include the replacement of two clinics by the new clinics under construction, replacing obsolete and unsatisfactory equipment at another clinic, and installing essential items of modern equipment which are deficient at some of the other clinics.



It is hoped that many, if not all, of these recommendations will be put into effect within the coming financial year.

The Principal Dental Officer having been appointed a fortnight earlier, the following staff were transferred to the new authority on the appointed day; three full-time and seven part-time dental officers, two dental auxiliaries, ten dental surgery assistants and four part-time dental anaesthetists. One dental officer was on sick leave at the date of transfer and remained so until he retired at the end of June: and one part-time dental officer resigned early in August because he was leaving the district. One dental auxiliary and two dental surgery assistants resigned between May and September for domestic reasons. The following additional staff have been appointed and commenced duty during September and October; three dental officers, one part-time dental officer, one dental auxiliary and four dental surgery assistants. Thus within the first seven months there were no less than fourteen changes in the staff.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of the Principal Dental Officer, five area dental officers, seven part-time dental officers, four part-time dental anaesthetists, two dental auxiliaries and twelve dental surgery assistants.

The total full-time equivalent of dental officers at the end of the year was 8.8, compared with the 15 necessary to correspond with the national average and the 27 recommended by the Minister as necessary to provide a complete dental service for a school population of the size of Teesside.

In spite of this acute shortage of staff, dental treatment has been carried out regularly, either full-time or part-time at thirteen dental clinics. The chief features of treatment carried out during the first nine months of the new Dental Service are given below:-



The chief features in the return are :-

Number of :

1. Sessions devoted to :

(a) Inspection .....	156
(b) Treatment .....	2,108

2. Children Inspected .....28,060

3. Children Treated ..... 6,198

4. Attendances for Treatment.....12,793

5. Courses of Treatment Completed..... 5,403

6. Teeth extracted ..... 9,179

7. General Anaesthetics administered..... 2,113

8. Fillings inserted.....11,023

9. Teeth filled..... 9,783

A dental officer of the Department of Education and Science visited Teesside in July to review the authority's dental services. His report confirmed the recommendations, previously mentioned, regarding replacement of unsatisfactory accommodation and equipment.

Although the amount of treatment carried out has been seriously affected by the failure of patients, whose parents had previously accepted the offer of **treatment**, to attend for treatment, the average treatment carried out per session compares favourably with the national average.

Number of:

National Average

Teesside

Attendances for Treatment.....	6.07	6.3
Children Treated .....	3.14	2.4
Courses of Treatment Completed.....	2.56	2.0
Teeth extracted .....	4.35	2.3
Fillings inserted .....	5.23	5.0

This is the first report to cover a full year's working on the School Dental Service.

During the year recommendations for bringing various clinics up to modern standards, referred to in last year's report, have been put into effect. Taking pride of place is the Dental Department in the new Health Clinic at Thornaby, closely followed by that in the new Health Clinic at Fairfield, Stockton. The former was opened in September replacing the clinic at Francis Street, Thornaby; the latter was completed at the end of the year, is expected to open in January, 1970, and will replace the old clinic in Norton Road, Stockton. Modernisation of the clinic at 106 Yarm Lane, Stockton has been started and should be completed early in the new year; installation of new equipment awaits the carrying-out of various alterations and improvements by the Architect's Department. High-speed turbines have been installed in the clinics at Billingham, Hardwick Road, Stockton and Eston; and new up-to-date operating lights have been fitted in two surgeries in Middlesbrough.

Two part-time dental officers resigned in September, one owing to the demands of his own practice, the other to take an appointment nearer her home. A part-time dental anaesthetist resigned in June, another being appointed in his place in July. Three dental surgery assistants resigned for personal reasons and the vacancies caused thereby have been filled.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of the Principal Dental Officer, five area dental officers, five part-time dental officers, three part-time dental anaesthetists, two dental auxiliaries and twelve dental surgery assistants.

The total full-time equivalent of dental officers at the end of the year was eight, compared with the fifteen necessary to correspond with the national average and the twenty-seven recommended by the Minister as necessary to provide a complete dental service for the school population of the size of Teesside.



In attempts to recruit dental surgeons, advertisements have been inserted in the professional journals, but without success.

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<u>Number of:</u>	<u>1969</u>
1. Sessions devoted to :-	
(a) Inspection .....	251
(b) Treatment .....	3,608
2. Children Inspected .....	44,556
3. Children Treated .....	10,822
4. Attendances for Treatment.....	21,878
5. Courses of Treatment Completed.....	8,340
6. Teeth extracted .....	15,771
7. General Anaesthetics administered.....	4,024
8. Fillings inserted.....	20,236
9. Teeth filled .....	16,760

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Number of:

	<u>Teeside</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Teeside</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>National Average</u>
Attendances for Treatment .....	6.07	6.06	6.3
Children Treated .....	3.14	3.12	2.4
Courses of Treatment Completed.....	2.56	2.31	2.0
Teeth extracted .....	4.35	4.37	2.3
Fillings inserted.....	5.23	5.61	5.0



